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FROM: Van Ton-Quinlivan, Vice Chancellor
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SUBJECT: Agreement with California State Approving Agency for
Veterans Education (CSAAVE)

The Workforce and Economic Development Division (WEDD) is pleased to announce that the Chancellor's Office has reached preliminary agreement with CSAAVE to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) applying to CTE certificate programs at all 113 California community colleges, allowing students to use veteran benefits to pay for those programs. This successful effort represents strong interdivisional collaboration at the Chancellor's Office between WEDD; Student Services; Academic Affairs; Technology, Research and Information Services; and Governmental Relations.

Reacting in recent years to possible private proprietary veterans' benefit misuse in certificate programs, CSAAVE had begun enforcing a previously unenforced standing Code of Federal Regulations requirement that all CTE degrees and certificates must lead to attainment of a vocational objective – i.e., employment in the field of study. Citing privacy concerns under FERPA, many colleges had temporarily withdrawn their CTE programs from the annual CSAAVE approval process, preventing veterans from using their veteran education benefits for those programs.

This preliminary agreement between CSAAVE and the Chancellor's Office will lead to a MOU whereby CSAAVE agrees it has validated the data collection strategy and systems of the Chancellor's Office for these programs and the employment data. Using this blanket agreement, CSAAVE will then approve all pending community college CTE programs. The Chancellor's Office will send out a copy of this MOU once it is drafted and then fully executed. Please refer any questions to Gary Adams at (916) 322-7079. Thank you.

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